



#57B

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

WATSON et al.

Serial No.: 09/975,317

Filed: October 12, 2001

For: METHOD

Attention:
BOX MISSING PARTS

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated November 5, 2001, in connection with the above-identified application.

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 5, after the second full paragraph, please insert the following heading and new paragraphs.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS:

Figure 1 shows non-selective IR GRE images obtained during the transit of 0.040 mmol/kg MnDPDP in a rat subjected to acute occlusion of the coronary artery (-10 min).

Figures 2 (A) - (D) illustrate changes in image intensity during transit of (A) 0.005, (B) 0.010, (C) 0.020, and (D) 0.040 mmol/kg MnDPDP in rats subjected to coronary artery occlusion (n = 7-8 per group).

Figure 2 (E) illustrates the effect of various doses of MnDPDP on normal myocardium.